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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of The American Purity Alliance was held on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, 1900, at the Isaac T. Hopper Home, 110 Second Avenue, New York. Mr. Samuel C. Blackwell presided and read the Annual Report, which, as adopted, is published herewith. The Treasurer's Report, as presented, read and audited, is published on page 21.

Mrs. Naomi Lawton Davis, Recording Secretary, read letters received from the Rev. Wm. T. Sabine, D. D., Mrs. Frances J. Barnes, Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer of Providence, R. I., Mrs. Charlotte S. Lewis of Philadelphia, Mrs. Mariana W. Chapman of Brooklyn, Martha Schofield of Aiken, S. C., Mr. J. W. Walton of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Maurice Gregory of England, and others.

The letter from Mrs. Spencer contained a very earnest appeal that an effort should be made to resume the publication of *THE PHILANTHROPIST*. Miss Grace H. Dodge seconded very heartily this appeal, and so much interest concerning it was manifested that a committee was appointed to consider the matter very carefully. In the remarks made warm appreciation was expressed of the long and generous service rendered by Mr. Powell as editor of *THE PHILANTHROPIST*, and the very valuable work it has been the means of accomplishing. A tender feeling of bereavement in the loss of his presence and continued service pervaded the meeting. This was also expressed in the letters received. A testimony was borne by Mrs. Anna M.

Jackson as to the value of THE PHILANTHROPIST in one particular instance, where an influential public man, having his attention called to it, confessed that, though he had not inclined to the system of State Regulation of Vice, he had never so fully realized what fearful slavery and injustice it involved for women.

Rev. Mr. Seward said he had taken special pains to attend the meeting to encourage the continued prosecution of the work. He paid a warm tribute to the memory of Mr. Powell, and urged that, inspired by his example, we should show our love for him by aiding his successor.

Kindred remarks were also made by Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Tacie P. Willets and others.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we approve the rejection by Congress of Brigham H. Roberts, elected as Representative from the State of Utah, on the ground of his unlawful practice of polygamy and its advocacy, and we are profoundly grateful for this National testimony in favor of Marriage as vital to the welfare of both Church and State.

Resolved, That we observe recent efforts of the New York City Police to suppress open manifestations of street vice: and we urge the arrest and imprisonment of those engaged in facilitating and patronizing prostitution, male as well as female, as being alike violators of the Vagrancy Law.

Resolved, That we appeal earnestly to pastors of churches, young peoples' religious societies and Sunday schools, and especially to all parents and teachers of the young, that they inculcate the wisdom and duty of chastity and purity of life, and a high equal standard of morals alike for both sexes.

On motion of Anna Rice Powell, Dr. O. Edward Janney of Baltimore was elected President of the Alliance.

He said that he accepted the position with exceeding diffidence, but his heart was in the cause and he would do what he could, for he felt that the work must go on. He was impressed with the tone of hopefulness and courage shown in the meeting. The spirit he manifested in accepting the position gave assurance that he would worthily meet its responsibilities.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gay desiring, on account of failing strength, to be released from the care as Treasurer, her resignation was regretfully accepted. There were hearty expressions of appreciation of her valuable and long continued service, and her unabated interest in the cause. Anna Rice Powell was elected Treasurer in her place.

Mr. Henry W. Wilbur was added to the Executive Committee. The other officers, as given on pages 3 and 4 were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. Anoinette Brown Blackwell was deputed to represent the Alliance, in association with the Prison Reform Committee of New York Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, at a hearing before a Committee of the Albany Legislature in behalf of a pending Bill to provide for the adequate punishment of men who live on the earnings of prostitute women, often helpless victims of their tyranny.

It was voted to publish a larger edition of the Annual Report than usual, to send to leading ministers and physicians, and to the subscribers of THE PHILANTHROPIST, to make up in part the loss by its suspension the past few months, as it contained valuable information concerning the movement.

[It was decided later to resume the publication of THE PHILANTHROPIST in April.]



O. EDWARD JANNEY, M. D.

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE—ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1899.

It seems but fitting, in our Report for the past year, which must record the translation of our beloved President, Aaron M. Powell, from this earthly life, with which we are familiar, to the more enduring life beyond, which we anticipate, that we with whom he lived and labored should recall with profound gratitude his lifelong devotion to all humane efforts.

A sincere reverence for Personal Freedom and full confidence in the duty and true policy of Peace, inspired and guided all his work.

In his young manhood he resigned the temptation to personal ambition, in order to advocate the abolition of slavery in America, and he has lived to see the emancipation of the slave. He gave years of effort to advocate the disuse of intoxicating drinks, and by speech and press he has contributed to the personal adoption by thousands of temperance in diet. The just and equal right and duty of woman to participate in the laws and in the usages of society, which affect the common welfare met with his decided approval and received his constant aid and advocacy. He appreciated the foundation of permanent civilization in the purifying and ennobling influence of marriage, and has devoted many of his ripest years to the maintenance of this and kindred organizations, whose inspiring object is the preservation of that divine institution in its integrity: and especially to defeat all sanction by human statute of the vice of prostitution which vitiates the character alike of men and of women and destroys the life which it first degrades.

We gladly quote and reaffirm a Resolution of the British Committee of the Federation for the abolition of State Regulation of Vice:

RESOLUTION.

The British Committee has learned with the greatest sorrow of the removal from earthly service of Mr. Aaron M. Powell of New York.

It desires to express to Mrs. Powell its most sincere and respectful sympathy with her in this sudden bereavement.

The Committee desires also to record its sense of the loss the friends of purity and justice have sustained both in the United States and in Europe. Since 1876 Mr. Powell was the leader of the American Branch of the "International Abolitionist Federation," and indefatigable in the work of opposing the system of State Regulation and Sanction of Immorality.

The British Committee remembers with gratitude his cheerful courtesy, clear judgment, and able statement of principles, on the frequent occasions when he attended the Federation's Congresses and Conferences, in which in future his loss will be keenly felt.

HENRY J. WILSON,
Chairman.

In reviewing the work of the year there is much to encourage us to continued effort in the progress of the Purity reform throughout our own country and in the other countries of our International Federation. More attention is given to the subject than formerly in quarters where it has been ignored altogether. We have more requests for literature upon the subject and a more intelligent investigation of the causes of immorality is manifested. An important part of our work is the distribution of such literature covering the various aspects of the cause. Much of this work is done in quiet, but effective ways.

Early in the past year "An Appeal for Purity" was issued by the Alliance of which large numbers have

been circulated. It was the last official utterance of our lamented President. It has been presented to religious organizations to encourage a union of effort for the promotion of a high ideal of purity.

ARMY MORALITY.

At our last Annual Meeting a resolution was adopted calling the attention of President McKinley, as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, and also of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, to the official "Army Memorandum," issued by Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, for the promotion of the moral and physical welfare of British soldiers, and asking that a kindred General Order on Army morality may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the American Army to its officers, for the promotion of the moral and physical health of our own enlarged army and navy.

This resolution was duly communicated to President McKinley and Secretaries Long and Alger. Courteous responses were received from each, as follows:

FROM PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, February 13, 1899.

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date, and to inform you that it has been referred for the consideration of the Secretary of War.

Very truly yours, J. A. PORTER,
Secretary to the President.

FROM SECRETARY LONG.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, February 14, 1899.

Permit me to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by The American Purity Alliance, at its late Annual Meeting, inviting attention to the late official "Army Memorandum," issued

by Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, for the promotion of the moral and physical welfare of British soldiers.

Very respectfully, JOHN D. LONG,
Secretary.

FROM SECRETARY ALGER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, February 23, 1899.

The Secretary of War desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, inclosing copy of a resolution adopted by your Alliance on the promotion of the moral and physical welfare of the soldiers of our Army, and the "Army Memorandum" issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army on this subject, and to inform you that the recommendations contained therein will receive the careful consideration of the Department.

Very respectfully, H. O. S. HEISTAND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

GREETING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The Executive Committee of The American Purity Alliance, at a meeting held in April last, adopted the following message of fraternal greeting to the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations held recently at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS:

The American Purity Alliance offers you a cordial greeting and hearty sympathy, especially rejoicing in this occasion of your National and International Conference.

You represent at home and abroad the Young Men of our Christian brotherhood.

Your life and your utterances may pitch the loftiest key for the coming generation.

No other religious body can more fitly proclaim our Christian axiom that

"Civilization is measured by its estimate of Woman."

May this conviction inspire with manliness and hope all your discussions and suggestions as to the problems, individual, social, legislative and industrial, both civil and military, which confront the approaching century.

Surely these problems demand the wisest efforts of the pure in heart under the guidance of the Prince of Peace.

AARON M. POWELL,
President.

NAOMI LAWTON DAVIS,
Recording Secretary.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

We record as an encouraging evidence of the growth and increased interest in the Purity movement the practical service rendered by the great gathering of the International Council of Women held in London the past Summer. Under the department of the Social Section a special session was devoted to the discussion of the social necessity for an equal moral standard for both men and women. As a practical result there was issued, under the auspices of the Council, a pamphlet, for private circulation only, dealing very plainly with the subject, and giving valuable medical testimony in favor of chastity, and in opposition to the system of State Regulation of Vice.

THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

Another important event of the year involving the progress of the Purity cause at home and abroad, was the Conference concerning The White Slave Traffic, held in London in June last, under the auspices of the National Vigilance Association. The American Purity Alliance was represented by five delegates. A message was sent by the Alliance to the Conference which called forth appreciative tributes to the memory of our late Presi-

dent, whose death occurred soon after the preparation of it. The message was as follows:

TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE TRAFFIC
IN GIRLS:

The American Purity Alliance hails with much satisfaction the timely action of the National Vigilance Association in convening an International Conference, to meet in London, June 21, 22 and 23, to devise measures for the repression of the traffic, National and International, in girls for immoral purposes. Though information in detail is difficult to obtain and verify in relation to this traffic, of its existence in our larger American cities, as a factor of their tolerated, and police regulated vice, we are well assured. This shocking traffic is also an essential adjunct of the iniquitous European system of State Regulated Vice. We rejoice that many Continental countries will be represented in the London Conference. We shall hope that your Conference may be successful in maturing practicable arrangements, through an International Committee, or otherwise, to promote the abolition of this odious and cruel traffic, and that all countries, our own included, may henceforth helpfully share in their effective execution.

We have requested to represent us in the Conference, Dr. KATHARINE BUSHNELL and Mrs. ELIZABETH W. ANDREW, two of our Vice Presidents, also Professor WM. I. HULL and Mrs. HANNAH CLOTHIER HULL, of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania; Miss MARY TRAVILLA and Miss SARAH R. PAISTE, of Westchester, Pa., and HOWARD M. JENKINS, Editor *Friends' Intelligencer*, Philadelphia.

AARON M. POWELL,

President.

NAOMI LAWTON DAVIS,

Recording Secretary.

Some of the delegates to this Conference came as official representatives of Governments on the Continent of Europe which give legal sanction to immorality by the system of State Regulation of Vice. It is to be hoped that these representatives learned in such a gathering how the system of legalized vice fosters the cruel traffic

in girlhood which they were convened to find means of preventing.

THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.

An eventful International Conference was held in Brussels in September last. The opponents of State Regulation of Vice felt much solicitude about this Conference, for it was called to strengthen and extend the medical influence in favor of the system, on sanitary grounds. The delegates included all the great Regulationist leaders in the world. The form of invitation was so worded that it was impossible for Abolitionist Societies officially to send delegates, but Abolitionist workers were there, unofficially, to distribute their literature giving facts and statistics, which evidently had good effect. A friend in attendance writes us that "there were a number of American doctors at the Brussels Conference, delegates from the United States Government, who, at the beginning of the Conference, were evidently strongly Regulationist in their ideas, but who went home with their faith very much weakened in the system." This, it will be seen, has an important bearing upon America.

Mrs. Josephine E. Butler, in her journal, *The Storm-Bell*, commenting upon some of the influential delegates to the Conference, says:

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson is known as an able specialist and statistician not in England only, but on the Continent, a man of authority in figures, not easily to be gainsaid. He is not a member of our Federation—so much the better—but his profound studies have made him a convinced Abolitionist. It appears that he flung his powerful bombs, his indisputable facts, one after another, into all the weak places of our opponents'

camp, with characteristic Quaker firmness and calmness and tactical precision. On the last day of the Conference, he gave a noble and cheering address on the true measures to be adopted in order to combat the physical scourge which waits on vice—measures which have never yet had a fair and patient trial.

Almost all the delegates, of whom the immense majority were Regulationists, acknowledged during the Conference that they had come there to learn, implying that they had need of knowledge. There seemed to prevail an open-mindedness, which had not been anticipated. Some of the English medical delegates, full of the old prejudices in favor of the system of combined slavery and license, must have gone home knowing more than they did before.

Finally two resolutions were passed. Possibly this was chiefly for appearance sake, and to avoid the reproach of a great International Congress, discussing a matter for a whole week and coming to no positive conclusion. * * *

One of the resolutions passed was in favor of an appeal to all the Governments to take measures for the better protection of minor girls, in order to prevent them being drafted into the service of organized vice; and another was to the effect that it is desirable that doctors should be better educated in the matter of the maladies in question. These harmless resolutions were voted unanimously.

An observant delegate wrote:—"We all have the impression that the Regulationists now fully recognize us (of the Federation) as a force which they must in future reckon with."

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

The regular annual meeting of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice was held the past year in Geneva, Switzerland, and followed soon after the Brussels Conference. Our lamented President has for so many years represented the Alliance in these Conferences, either in person or by letter, that he was gratefully remembered and the following Cablegram was sent over to the American Purity Alliance: "The Federation Conference at Geneva expresses sympathy and grateful remembrance of a faithful abolition champion."

This Conference was a remarkable gathering, and very cheering to the pioneer leaders who have so long and so bravely labored in this cause under such discouragements. When we recall the mob violence manifested to our abolitionist co-workers in Geneva in 1896, it shows how the movement in behalf of an equal standard of morals is making itself felt. Never have the audiences been so large and enthusiastic. Mrs. Butler was given an ovation. All this is most encouraging to the allies of this cause the world over. Yet, as Mrs. Butler says, with the sagacity of the true reformer, we must never relax our vigilance, but rather use the vantage ground gained for continued and unabated effort.

Abroad and at home the development of increased armies and the demoralizing effects of militarism have a direct influence upon the Purity cause. Eternal vigilance will be the price of freedom from the dangers which impend from the futile attempt to escape the physical penalties of prostitution by giving it legal supervision. In all our large cities tolerated vice abounds. A great work is to be done by the slow process of ed-

ucation and the quickening of the public conscience on these lines, to the end that we gain the only true solution of the difficult problem—*a high and equal standard of morals for both sexes.*

We quote, with special commendation, that section of the annual message of Governor Roosevelt of New York, advising an amendment to the existing "Vagrancy Law" :

"Crime against a woman is peculiarly abhorrent, not only because she is weaker, but because she has no direct voice in the government. There should be no sentimentality about excusing a female criminal who is as guilty as a male criminal; but an even severer punishment should be meted out to those who commit crimes of brutal violence against women and children than to those who commit them against men. In the same way it is greatly to be desired that our laws should be changed so as to provide for the punishment of men who profit by the commission of immoral acts by women. At present the wretched women are punished and the men who make their living by their infamy may go free. Such a condition of affairs is intolerable in the eyes of every right thinking person. This kind of immoral conduct is punished under the Vagrancy law, which should be amended as it has recently been amended in England, so as to do away with such unjust discrimination."

OBITUARY.

The American Purity Alliance will miss sadly the encouraging support it has had from the Rev. SAMUEL MAY of Leicester, Mass., who passed to the life beyond on the 24th of November last, in his ninetieth year. From the beginning of our work he has been one of our

most deeply interested and generous co-laborers. His heroic devotion to the Anti-Slavery cause, Equal Rights for women, Temperance, Peace and all other movements for the uplifting of humanity, made him a valuable helper in this cause which requires special wisdom and faith. Blessed indeed is the memory of such a man.

ELIZABETH B. CHACE, of Valley Falls, Rhode Island, another veteran reformer and philanthropist, has also been called to the other life at the advanced age of 93 years. She likewise has been one of our most valued supporters from the very beginning of our labors. In a letter received from her during the past year, she wrote: "Disabled as I am from doing any active work for humanity, it is a great comfort to me to know that such work as you are doing is not without laborers, though they be comparatively few." As a pioneer in the Anti-Slavery and Woman's Rights movements, the wise advocate of prison reform and in other beneficent efforts to lighten the burdens of the unfortunate and oppressed, she has left the legacy of a rare example.

BEQUESTS.

The American Purity Alliance is duly incorporated, and is therefore legally qualified to receive, hold and use property, money and real estate. We commend to those blessed with the means to bequeathe, this method of continuing helpful service for the promotion of Purity after having passed on to the larger life. The following is a suitable form of bequest, to be incorporated in any will, or added thereto as a codicil :

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE,

incorporated in the year 1895 under the Laws of the State of New York, the sum of.....Dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Alliance, and under its direction.

With gratitude to those who have made it possible for us to publish and circulate our literature, and to extend in other ways the principles of the Alliance, we invite continued co-operation, that the good work may go on with renewed power and efficiency.

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THE CONFERENCE OF GENEVA.

By JOSEPHINE E. BUTLER.

During those marvellous days, those who had been witnesses of the horrible scenes of the 22d of March, 1896 (three and a half years ago), were fain to ask themselves, "is it a dream, or is it reality?"

"When the Lord turned the captivity of Zion, we were like unto them that dream." More than once in the history of our crusade of thirty years those words have expressed our hearts' joy, when a rare but happy victory has been granted to us, an augury of a full future triumph after long-sustained conflict.

On that night of discouragement—March 22d—a Geneva lady who loved her country, cried out in her anguish, "O! if all these our prayers for Geneva are not, cannot be answered, there is nothing for this city but—Sodom and Gomorrah." But the power which dried up the waves of the Red Sea, and made a path for the people through the deep waters, has turned the threatening and advancing tide of evil, and upon that fair city there has dawned the faint early rays of the morning of hope. The poison is indeed not cast out; the evil is there, hiding its head, it may be, but working in the darkness. The battle is not over, nor the victory won. But the force of evil and the renewal of its assaults are not to be compared with the Power which works for us and the renewal of the immortal energy of the spirit of man when taken possession of by the Divine Spirit.

I was reminded during these days of some words of

John Stuart Mill, who wrote, not long before his death—
 “But in the darkest hour, when everything seems to be
 against you, *remember that God can change hearts*, and
 that he can give you the victory even through the
 changed hearts of the persons who to-day oppose and
 persecute you.”

I recalled, too, the words of one of the anti-slavery
 poets of America:

“Our foemen of the night
 Are brothers at the break of day.”

In 1896 it seemed for a moment as if all Geneva had
 turned out into the streets to curse us and our work, and
 now it seemed as if all Geneva had come out to bless us
 and our work.

I am an old enough fighter not to fall too readily
 into the error of mistaking passing popular applause or
 the temporary ascendancy of better and nobler feelings
 in the public mind for a real and lasting moral victory
 attained. Nevertheless, a careful observation and study
 of what has recently taken place, not only in Geneva but
 in many parts of the civilized world, in regard to the
 question of justice for which we have labored, reveal a
 real advance, an awakening of conscience—east, west,
 north, and south—which should make the most pessi-
 mistic among us look upward and give thanks.

It would be impossible for me in the narrow limits
 of this little periodical to do justice to the many noble
 men and women who took part in the Conference, or to
 report their addresses.

One of the subjects of discussion was that of the
 just limits of State action in matters of private and public
 morality. This discussion was keenly interesting and
 highly instructive. Very opposite views were repre-

sented—those of the majority of the German people, those of the Individualists, and those of the Socialists. But the debates, though extremely lively, were marked by a complete absence of bitterness. The personal cordiality evinced among speakers holding diametrically opposite views was not the least of the satisfactory characteristics of the Conference. M. Huard (editor of the *Droits de l'Homme*, of Paris, and correspondent of the *Independence Belge*) represented the Socialists of France. I feel impelled to mention the impression made on me (and others) by this speaker. His gentle tact, his knowledge of our question, proved by his carefully prepared statements, and his tenderness for the classes against whose sufferings we plead, prevailed with many who had a secret dread in their hearts when he rose to speak, and tended to allay prejudices and to show how rash it is to judge men in masses, by parties or sects, or according to some dreaded name which may be borne by the section of society to which they belong. It was, indeed, a cheering and a touching thing to see so many persons of different nations and beliefs firmly united in the love of justice, in compassion for the oppressed, and a large sympathy for the troubles and woes of humanity.

Another subject which was treated was that of the poverty of women and the miserable insufficiency of their wages, which plunges so many into the gulf of prostitution. This is a great, a wide, and a heart-breaking subject. I must reserve, for a future time, such a notice as I should wish to give of its treatment at Geneva. I will only here mention—with the deepest respect and sympathy—the names of some of those noble women (our hope of the future) who dealt with this question with a masculine ability and a womanly tenderness which I have seldom seen excelled. Fräulein Pappritz,

of Berlin, Mlle. Schirmacher (Dresden and Paris), Madame Gevin-Cassal (Paris), who holds a position under the French Government as Inspectress of the "Assistance" dealing with unmarried mothers, deserted children, &c , and Mlle. de Sainte Croix (editress of *La Fronde*, Paris).

I must not omit the solid and valuable contribution of Mlle. de Müllinen, of Berne, to the discussion on the rôle of the State in matters of morality; nor, lastly, the exquisite appeal of Mme. Pieczynska to the great public assembly in the Hall of the Reformation. Her words, her attitude, her spirit, were like those of an angel of God sent to rebuke, to avenge, to persuade, to plead, and to win. I do not think I exaggerate the impression made by her words on that great audience.

I cannot refrain from saying how sorely I (and many others) felt the absence, all through the Conference, of our dear friend and long tried worker in our cause, Madame de Gingins. Illness prevented her being with us. She, who had mourned and suffered with us on that sad 22d day of March, would have been beyond measure comforted by witnessing the change for which we rejoiced. Many thoughts and prayers were directed towards her during those days.

I must briefly refer to the great public meeting of Thursday evening, the 21st. It was a living mass of attention and sympathy, and the enthusiasm of that great crowd was moving and infectious. Several hundreds of persons outside in the streets, I was told, unable to press in, echoed the cheers which were heard within.

It was clear to my mind all through, that the struggle for justice in the Dreyfus case had contributed in a great measure to this right direction of feeling in

regard to our cause. The sense of justice has been sharpened, and the zeal for justice quickened in tens of thousands of right thinking people throughout Europe, by the story of Dreyfus, and of the stern resistance of a noble few in France to the injustice of which he has been a typical victim. This quickening of the sense of justice has opened the eyes of many to the fact of the wide spread and long enduring injustice against which our Federation makes war. There were present with us at Geneva a number of the combatants for the right in France; and one of the prominent leaders of the "noble few," M. Yves Guyot, Editor of the *Siccle*, who brought us a giant's aid in our Abolitionist battle, through his experience of that same battle in his own country for more than twenty years, and his perfect knowledge of the facts connected with the system of the *Police des Mœurs*.

In coming out from the Hall of the Reformation, I encountered one of our French champions in the crowd, and remarked to him how poor Dreyfus had helped our cause: in reply he quoted the saying, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" (of the faithful).

It appears, according to the *Tribune de Geneve*, that on the afternoon of this day a group of ill disposed men had planned to disturb the meeting in the Hall of the Reformation. In illustration of the words of Stuart Mill, that God can change hearts and turn aside evil designs, I may mention that M. Didier, Councillor of State and Minister of Justice in Geneva, one of our redoubtable opponents, had given orders to the heads of the Police (orders which, however, they had no occasion to exercise), to be on the spot with their agents, to repress disorder. (M. Didier himself attended the meeting.) Also from another side came unexpected sym-

pathy. A respectable group of the “*Libertaires*” of Geneva, on a request which they received from their friends of the same fraternity in Paris, came to the meeting with the purpose (if necessary) of taking actively our part and making short work of any hostile demonstrations against us.

But our Protection was of another kind, and partook of the nature of that “Influence” which hovered over the Conference of Brussels.—*The Storm-Bell*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In view of the wide-spread suffering, physical disease, deplorable hereditary results, degradation of manhood and womanhood, and the peril to the home, society and the State involved in the prevalent immorality, we do hereby agree, with a prayerful reliance upon Divine aid, to form ourselves into an association, to be governed by the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

ARTICLE II. The objects of this Alliance are the repression of vice, the prevention of its regulation by the State, the better protection of the young, the rescue of the fallen, the extension of the White Cross among men, and to maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.

ARTICLE III. Any person who consents to the principles of this constitution, and who contributes annually one dollar or more to its funds, may be a member of this Alliance, and shall be entitled to a vote at its meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Alliance shall be a president, vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee to consist of the president, secretaries, treasurer, and not less than five additional members; and a general council of twenty or more members.

ARTICLE V. The Executive Committee shall have power to enact their own by-laws, fill any vacancy in their body, and in the offices of secretary and treasurer, direct the treasurer in the application of all moneys, and call special meetings of the Alliance. They shall make arrangements for all meetings, and make an annual written report of their doings, and of the expenditures and funds of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VI. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance, or, in his absence, one of the vice presidents, or, in their absence, a president pro tem. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Alliance. The recording secretary shall notify all meetings of the Alliance and of the executive committee, and shall keep records of the same. The treasurer shall receive the subscriptions, make payments at the direction of the executive committee, and present a written and audited account to accompany the annual report. The duties of members of the general council shall be advisory, in connection with the executive committee, to advise and inform the latter as to the condition, progress and needs, legislative and otherwise, of the cause of Purity in their respective States and localities.

ARTICLE VII. The annual meeting of the Alliance shall be held each year at such time and place as the executive committee may direct, when the accounts of the treasurer shall be presented, the annual report read, appropriate addresses delivered, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as shall be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VIII. Any Purity or White Cross association founded on the same principles may become auxiliary to this Alliance, by contributing annually the sum of five dollars to its treasury. The officers of each auxiliary association shall be ex-officio members of this organization, and shall be entitled to deliberate and vote in the transaction of its concerns.

ARTICLE IX. This constitution may be amended, at any meeting of the Alliance, by a vote of the members present, provided the amendments proposed have been previously submitted, in writing, to the executive committee:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION

OF

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12, 1848, and of the several acts amendatory thereof, we whose names are heremnto subscribed, all being of full age and all citizens of the United States, and a majority of whom are citizens of and residents within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That we have associated ourselves to form a corporation or society for benevolent purposes, and for the purpose of preventing and lessening crime and immorality.

That the name or title by which such corporation shall be known in law is The American Purity Alliance.

That the particular business and objects of such society are to disseminate literature and to hold public meetings for the purpose of securing more adequate legal protection of females under the age of twenty-one years from immoral lives, and to urge the enactment of such laws as will the more effectually secure such protection, and to urge and secure the enforcement of all laws to prevent the social evil among such females, and also to extend aid and encouragement in the way of rescuing victims of social vice and in providing them with suitable homes and employment.

That the number of Trustees to manage the said Society shall be eight.

That the following are the names of the Trustees of such Society for the first year of its existence, viz:

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That the principal place of transacting the business of said Society is New York City.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
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I do consent to and approve of the incorporation above mentioned, and of the filing of the within certificate, and allow the same accordingly.

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